

## In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 10, 11, 12 and 19 as rewritten below in clean form. Another version of the rewritten claims is attached hereto on a paper separate from the amendment labeled "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made," marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of each claim being amended.

1. (Amended) A method for interconnecting a user's location to a destination location on a network, comprising the steps of:

receiving unique information at the user's location, which unique information has no associated routing information embedded therein;

returning network routing information, associated with the received unique information, from a database to the user's location in response to receipt of the unique information; and

interconnecting, in response to the step of returning and without user intervention, the user's location to the destination location across the network in accordance with the network routing information.

10. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of returning comprises:

forwarding the unique information to an intermediate location on the network in response to the step of receiving the unique information;

comparing the received unique information at the intermediate location with a database of routing information, which database of routing information includes a plurality of associative relationships between predetermined unique information and locations of various destination locations on the network; and

if an association between the received unique information and routing information on any of a plurality of destination locations on the network exists within the database, returning the associated routing information back to the user location for

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effecting a network connection to the destination location indicated by the routing information.

11. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the steps of returning and interconnecting include the step of activating a web browser program which facilitates the interconnection over the network in response to receiving the unique information, which web browser program is operable to at least provide the interconnection of the user location to the destination location in accordance with the associated routing information.

12. (Amended) A system for launching a web browser on a network, comprising:

a computer having a scanner input interface and a communication interface coupled to a computer network;

a scanner having an output coupled to said input interface for outputting a signal representing information encoded as machine readable code when said code is scanned by said scanner; and

a program responsive to said signal output from said scanner for establishing and managing connection of said computer without user intervention, to a web site accessible on said computer network.

19. (Amended) A method for launching a web browser on a network by scanning a machine readable code, comprising the steps of:

coupling a computer having an input interface for a scanner and a communication interface for coupling the computer with a communication network to the scanner and the network;

scanning the machine readable code having commercial information encoded therein and outputting a signal to the input interface of the computer representing the commercial information; and